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**FORMER BALCONES HEIGHTS POLICE OFFICER
SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton, Colonel Thomas Davis, Texas Department of Public Safety and Special Agent in Charge Ralph G. Diaz, Federal Bureau of Investigation announced that former Balcones Heights police officer Rolando Rico Trevino was sentenced to ten years in federal prison for violating the civil rights of several women while in his custody.

In addition to the maximum prison term, United States District Judge Xavier Rodriguez ordered that Trevino be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

"Mr. Trevino's sentence is further proof that no one, including a law enforcement officer, is above the law. Thankfully, 99.9% of our officers not only enforce, but abide by the law. Often, they do so at great risk and sacrifice to themselves," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

On November 24, 2002, Trevino and his partner, Dwaun Guidry, sexually assaulted five young, intoxicated women while on duty. Trevino and Guidry arrested the women, then drove them to the Balcones Heights Police Department where they each had sexual contact with the young women before releasing them without charges. On May 20, 2005, a jury convicted Trevino of conspiracy to violate civil rights.

Guidry is currently serving a 465-month federal prison term for his role.

This case was investigated by the Texas Rangers and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys Bill Baumann and Diana Cruz-Zapata prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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